

USER PROGRAMMABLE INPUT APPARATUS WITH A KEYBOARD

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A user programmable input apparatus with a keyboard
comprises several keys with one or more special keys thereof on the
keyboard for input operations, a microprocessor to receive inputs
from the keys when they are pressed, a nonvolatile memory
programmable by operating the keys for users themselves to
program or define key definitions or functions for the keyboard or to
store data or microinstructions or other programs thereto, and a
15 transmission arrangement connected to the microprocessor to
output data to the computer system or other peripheral connected
with the input apparatus.